

GODS

VOICE to CHRISTENDOM,
OR,

Alarum to Europe:

By the Remarkable Earthquakes, with the several kinds thereof, two hundred years before the Birth of CHRIST. The Causes and Kinds, Antecedents, and Consequents, (Pestilence, Sword, Famine) following thereupon, the nature of Meteors, Effective, and productive of an Earthquake.

Some part whereof was delineated by the great and Vertuous ROBERT BOYLE Esquyer, in the year 1681, relating to the dreadful Comet.

The Impendent Judgements and Causes of GODS Wrath against a sinful people, seasonably and particularly applyed to the Sons of LEVI.

Habbakuk 1. 4. 5.

The Law of the LORD is slackned, the wicked compass about the Righteous, wrong judgement proceedeth forth: Behold I will work a work in your dayes, which ye will not believe, tho it were told you.

By a Minister of CHRIST.

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TO all Right, High, and Mighty Princes,
States, and Earls of EUROPE.

Sacred writ confers on you the name and dignitie
of Gods, though ye must die like men. Plutarch
and Seneca qualifies the lives of great persons to
that of the gods, who delight in actions of Benifi-
cence, the contemplation of which is superior to all
satisfaction loving Justice and Mercy; which
made the Duke of Calabria affix an Bell near his
Chamber, to be rung by the poorest of his Subjects.
Kings of Old, indefatigably for fear, Sacrifysed
your fear be Christian, for vere magnus Deus
Christianorum; Nor are you to be Priest ridden
with a Vain bragg, God has spoken so, he did to
Balaam a beastly Propbet, and yet a propheticall
Ass. The Greeks ascribe the ruine of their Church,
rise and progress of Mahomet, to the division
of Christian Kings; which made the Goths and
Vandels ransack the Romans, outdared by the
Hunns born of Witches, and begot by Devils, who
found a safe passage unto the confines of Europe, by
the chase of an Hart, which did invite these Glans
and Rascalities to flock into Europe robit their
wits and Arme their Sperits, in one night 100000,
by the help of Bladders to swim the Danube, and
murder so many Christians.



THOUGH the Efficient & Matterial causes of an Earthquake be natural, yet the Final is the signification of an Angry GOD, moved by the execrable Crimes of a wicked people, according to that of David, in the 18 Psalm, verse 7: *The Earth trembled and quaked, the foundation of the hills also shook and removed, because he was wroth.*

*Fear chills our hearts, what heart can fear dissemble
When steeples stagger, and budge Mountains tremble*

The Romans in time past commanded by edict, that Prayers & Supplication should be made in time of an Earth-quake, but they must call upon no God by Name, as on other Holy-Days, for fear they mistook the GOD into whom it belonged. And the most Ancient of the Grecians called Neptune, the Mover and Shaker of the Earth, supposing the Cause proceeds from the Fluctuations and Flowings of the Waters up and down the hollow places under the ground, or that the Shaking proceeded from the downfal of Subterranean Caves, and that sometimes whole Mountains sunk in and caused the trembling. But properly the cause of an Earthquake

Earth-quake happeneth when Air and Windy Spirits be shut up within the Caverns of the Earth, or have such passage as is too narrow for them, they then striving to break their Prisons, shake it, and make it tremble. Now this Imprisonment is caused thus, Namly, when the Earth which is dry by Nature happeneth to be Watered by continual Rains. Then not only the Pores and Caverns thereof are stopped and closed up, but the Exhalations and Air within the Earth are increased. To which purpose Dr. Fulk in his third Book of Meteors saith, The great Caves and Dens of the Earth, most needs be full of Air continually, for there is no *Vacuum* in Nature, for when by the heat of the Sun, the moisture of the Earth is resolved, many Exhalations are generated, as well within the Earth as without; And whereas the places were full before, so that they could hold or receive no more, except part of that which is in them be let out, it most needs follow, that in such Countrey, where the Earth hath few Pores, or else where the Air stopped with Moisture, that there I say, these Exhalations striving to get out, do either rent the Earth or lift it up, that thereby, a free passage may be had, or else room enough to abide therein, & as in other kinds, so, also in this Subterranean fires multiply: Neither do we think that the Sun

is the only caule of shutting up of the Pores of the ground, for then Earth-quakes should be in a manner, as frequent as dryings after Rain.

The kinds of Earth-quakes be various, some when the whole force of the Wind driveth to one part: there being no contrary motion to let or hinder it, many Hills and Buildings, have been rushed down by that kind of Earth-quake, especialiy when the Wind causing it be strong, for if it be a feeble Wind, it only loosneth or unfasteneth foundations: If less feeble, then the Earth without any further hand shakes like one sick of an Ague.

The second kind of Earth-quake, is not so much Lateral, as *Perpendicular* or upright, which is when the Earth with so great Violence riseth up by & by sinketh down again, for after the Wind that causeth the Earth to swell is broke out of Prison, the Earth returneth to its old place, even as it was before.

The Third is a Gaping, or Rending, or Cleaving of the Earth, one part being driven so farr from another, that whole Towns, Cities, Hills and Rocks, Rivers, Seas, and the like, are swallowed up, and never seen again. The Fourth, is a shaking, that causeth a sinking, and is farr differing from the former,
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for now the Earth splitteth not, but sinketh; This being in such places, where the surface of the ground be solid, yet it hath a salt foundation, which being moistned with water, by the force of the stinking exhalation, is turned into water also: Thus was the Atlantick Ocean caused to be an Sea, which before was an Island, according to the Testimony of Famous *Plato* 366 years before the Birth of CHRIST.

The fifth kind of Earth-quake, is contrary to the former, for as before the ground sinks down to now it's cast up, like as in the second kind already mentioned only this is the difference that now the Earth returneth not into its place again, but remaineth a great Mountain, yea, if such a rising be in the Sea, it not only causeth overflowings, but produceth likewise many Islands, such as was never seen before.

Thus absolutely have we considered the Cause; Now relatively of the Antecedents of an Earthquake. A great Calmness of the Air mixed with some Cold; the reason of which is, because the Exhalation which should be blown abroad, is within the Earth. 2ly. The Sun looks very dim certain dayes before there be no Clouds. The reason of which is, because the Wind which should have purged and dissolved the gross Air, takes
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taken prisoner, and enclosed within the Bowels of the Earth.

Thirdly, The Birds fly not, but sitt still beyond ordinary, tho there be no Clouds; The reason of which is, either the *Pent* Exhalation sendeth some strange alteration into the Air, which slenderly breath out of some insensible Pores of the Earth, which it may do, tho the Exhalation comes not out; or else it is that they are scarce able to fly for want of some gentle Gales for their Wings to strike upon, It being a thing well known, that Birds fly more willingly and chearfully when the Air is of such a temper.

4ly. The weather is calme, and yet the water of the Sea is troubled, and rageth mightily: The reason of which is, because the great plenty of spirits or wind in the bottim of the Sea, beginneth to lay out for passage that way, and finding none, is sent back again, whereupon, soon after it shaketh the Land, this is a certain sign.

5ly. The water in the bottom of the Pits and deep Wells is troubled, ascending and moving as if it boyled, stinking, and is infected: The reason of which is, because the Exhalation being *Pent*in; and striving to get forth, moveth some stinking minerals, and other Poysonous Stuff to the springs of those waters and they with the struggling Exhalation, stir and attaint them.

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thin Cloud seen in the clear Sky either a little before Sun setting, or soon after. Moreover in a quiet Sea, the waves float to their Shore long and straight. 7^{ly}. There is another infallible sign, the great noise and sound heard under the Earth, like to a groaning or very Thundering, this noise being made by the struggling of the Wind under the Earth. Hence followeth the sad effects, the first whereof is the ruine of Buildings, together with the Death of many People. *Lanquet* in his *Chronicle* saith, about the year 29, before the Birth of CHRIST, was an Earth-quake in *Jury*, whereby thirty thousand People perished. In the 5th year of *Tiberius*, Empercur of *Rome*, 13 Cities of *Asia* were destroyed in one night by an Earth-quake. In the 66 year of CHRIST, three Cities of *Asia*, were overthrown. And near *Herapolis*, *Colosse* a little after *Pauls* Death, their Church and Clergy degenerating, some by open Prophanity, some by horrid Hypocrisy commencing wickedness in CHRIST'S Name. In the year of CHRIST 79, three Cities of *Cyprus* came to the like ruine, and in the year following there was a Death of many People at *Rome*. In the year 114 *Antioch* was much damaged, the Emperour *Trajan* escaping very narrowly. About the year of CHRIST 181, the City *Smyrna* came to the like ruine. *Eusebius* tells us of an Earth-quake

quake that was all the world over, to the damnadge of many Towns and People. In the year 551, at which time a Quave of the Earth swallowed most part of the City *Mislesia*, where the voice of the Inhabitants was heard crying for Succour and Help. In the year 1456, perished about *Naples* 40 thousand People. *Fromond Hist*: saith, in the year 1508, *Constantinople* was so sore shaken innumerable Houses and Towers were cast to the ground, and Chiefly the places of the great Turk, in so far that he was forced to flee to another place, 1300 perished in this calamity. 1531. in the City of *Lizbon* 1400 Houses and Churches were shaken to the ground, attended with Pestilence. *Tbia* was made an Island in the very sight of the Mariners turning sea unto dry land, so also cutting the neck of the *Isthmus* from the continent. Thus *Britain* was severed from *France*, *Africk* from *Spain*, *Sicily* from *Italy* hence brake out Rivers & Fountains in new places happening by the breaches of the Earth among water Springs by the violence of the exhalation, which poisonous fume infects the Air and the Air us, causing the Earth became sick and sterile. *Drachomera* Queen of *Bohemea* murdered her mother upon her knees at prayer, slew pious Prince *Weneislaus* mocked and misused Gods servants, till the revenging eye of God made the Earth, swallow her up, and all her company.

LET any judge whether this lower ball,
 Whose endless greatness we admire so all,
 Seem not a point compar'd with upper Sphear,
 Whose turnings turn the rest in there Career,
 Why then should man this nothing thus respect,
 As he for it Heavens Kingdome do neglect.
 If thou feeds well, if feet and back be cled,
 What more to thee can Kingly Riches add,
 Not house nor Land, nor heaps of Gold and Treasour
 When sickness of thy body doth take Seasure,
 Can thence remove it, neither canst thou find
 A force in them to cure a troubl'd mind,
 Are all men Moral, are all men born to die,
 Can none on Earth posses Eternity,
 Sure he who looks upon the Worlds Frail Stage,
 And views the actions of this present Age,
 Such Souls inspir'd with the Gales of Grace,
 Esteem the witching World no resting place,
 A place of travel not a place of stay,
 Such well devoted Pilgrims count their way.
 Rouze then thy thoughts think what it is,
 To be partakers of Eternal bliss.
 For when the dry land GOD did make appear,
 Was not that man should think his Heaven here:

Hence the inferences are patenr: Inscr,
 first, a holy writ, doth well forewarn and
 allarm, we ought not to be partaker of other
 mens sins, else we most share of there plagues:

Bradford the Martyr used to pray, to be
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John, at *Ephesus* Alarm'd the people to fly from the great Inn (where *Cerintus*, and that pestilent Crew of Clergy were spreading there Blasphemy) before the Earth swallowed down the cursed Caball; *The Earth shall disclose its Blood, saith Isay, and no more cover its slain*, Put thy self O Sword into thy Scabbard, saith *Jeremiah*, how can I do this till I be drunk with the Blood of my Enemies: The Sword of persecution goes round from hand to hand. Papists drew Satans Pleugh and wore that Sword near 500 years. Prelats above 150 years. The indulg'd party disclaiming the Mediatory Chair, declarative Glory of *Jesus CHRIST* a new swarm of Locust Lamb like with a Fox skin of policy, have taken it from both, their hands, Commence all there malice in *Jesus* name, knock down all Learning in the fore head, perswad poor ignorants to Communion that know not the Creed! Tho our faternity could never hold Communion with them, nay not in hearing, conform to *Dr. Ames*, and Assemblies acts. *Os orare vale convivium mensa negatur.*

Yet Hundreds are put to Hell, and thousands on their march, veresfy the *Motto* whose Veins are full of the Martyrs Blood, arteers are full of pride and error, their Bones hardned with a custome of Apostacy, so that one man is a Wolf to another.

2, why do we dwindle away the time and blind our eyes eating dust with the serpent, picking out *Desefion* prelacy, from two poor words *Tit. 1. 5.* every City, when *Jerusalem* 40 years after Christ had so few Christians that being warned to God, to depart to *Pella*, a little Village containd them all *Eusebius lib: 3. Cap. 5.* *Lidda*, *Jemnia* *Joppa*, were within three Miles of one another and three *Episcopal* Towns, and as *Bishop Langham* said those Bishops had high Racks and poor Mangers: there were 1000 Bishops in *Armenia* saith *Baronius 1143.* And *Petraven* saith there were but 20 Cities in *Armeinea*, nay, come nearer there were in *Ireland* 365 Churches founded by *St. Patrick*, & as many Bishops saith *Nemius* and *Usher* and yet still but 19 Citys in *Austains* time there were 900 Bishops in *Africa*. *Philippe* a City not so big *Edinburgh* had several Bishops and Deacons. *Philippians. 1. 1.*

Infer 3io. The abounding Impiety of *Jamaica*, and the forementioned places proclaims *Magnalia legis*, the great things of GODS Law: Morality and Charity are still wanting, Faith Love, and Charity: Faith to possess God, and love our Neighbour: which maketh the Earth to reel too and fro, like a Drunkard: flinging out its Inhabitants in some places in other places swallowing them down. With the unseparable consequences of a raging sword, and sweeping pest:

a Belome of Destruction: for ignorant and, pragmatick Levites and Hypocritical Gospel-
 iers, professing ablolution by the blood of
 Christ, yet scorning ablution, hating to be
 glewd by the blood of Christ, *Janguine Christi
 coagulanti.* Let the *Mosettes* of Barbary, and
Musslemen of Turkey be limned with our silly
 Clergy, and their Paganisme and Civility
 shall overreach, their Cristianity. Memo-
 rable is the saying of a pious and learned
 Divine, the Bible suffers more abuse in Scot-
 land nor any Kingdom of the World. Our
 Clergy being these 30 Years, like the
 Woodcocks of *Denmark*, long nibs, fat bellies
 little brains, and so delight to be. Wittily
 replied the Indian King to the Spaniard,
 he would rather dwell in Hell, as live him
 in Heaven, with such company. Where is
 the spirit of these reverend Divines *Mr. Alex-
 Handerson, Mr. Rollock Mt. Calderwood.*

Who thundred in the^r Doctrine, and
 lightened in their conversati^on; *terras a-
 stræa relegnit!* We cry out against, *Cain, Judas,
 Julian, Sodom and Gommorah!* Alas they are
 but glasses to see our hearts. Magus believed
Fœlix feared, *Jesabel* fasted, *Pharises* prayed
Herod listned, yet never the more regarded,
 they wanted the principle of Faith, motive
 of love and end of charity creating Gospel uni-
 ty to see one Egyptian smiting another is
 nothing but to see one *Israelit* smiting ano-
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ther in most unnatural; seeing *men* created corrupted, restored, is the designe of Christianity. I know bitter veritie begets me enmitie in place of amity; to that I answer, there be causes of none union, tho not of separation. saith *Voet*, *si modo firma fides nulla ruina nocet* *Luther* in his day sounds the Trumpet. Were there as many Devils at *Worms* as Tyles on the houses, I shall cry cleanse your hands ye sinners. Finally, preachers and Candidats be not content with laping of Divinity as Dogs at the River *Nilus*, who cannot take a full draught least the *Crocodil* bite them; but *Salomon* tels us, he that breaketh over the Hedge a Serpent shall bite him.

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